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Mr. John Rae  
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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 10 July and your impressions of [ ]

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On another subject, we are very grateful for the special personal effort that you are making in connection with the new monitoring developments related to the Soviet Union and the Muslim World. I hope that you find the new activities reasonable and worthwhile from the point of view of the Monitoring Service. At this end, we continue to receive strong support from our principals for the new activities, and we are encouraged by the funding approvals that have been given. All the signs thus far are that the new activities will continue to receive high priority.

Despite the intensive effort on the new projects, I did manage to visit our four Far East bureaus last month. As luck would have it, my itinerary brought me back via the Pacific rather than the Thames. I plan to continue my visits to the bureaus by traveling next to the Mideast, probably in late October.

Again, thanks very much, John, for your strong role in what I believe will be a mutually beneficial undertaking.

Very sincerely,

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Director

cc: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS

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